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Dear Chairman Pavlov and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am writing to you today to ask you to encourage the members of the Senate Committee on Education to take action on House Bill 4059, related to the "Public School Employees Retirement Act of 1979." The bill was received by the Senate on March 5, 2015 and referred to the Committee on Education on March 10, 2015.

The Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District currently employs two retired educators as Special Education Teachers and passage of the Senate version of this bill in a timely manner would be of great assistance to our district as we work to finalize staffing for the school year in order to provide quality educational opportunities to our students.

As you might know, it is a distinct challenge to hire highly qualified educators in our region of the Upper Peninsula, and our district is fortunate to be able to employ these two retired educators as Special Education Teachers. The experience and compassion they bring to their positions is a great benefit to our students.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Tulppo
Superintendent
Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District